

JFK Shelving Cabinet Meetings

Washington, April 11 (News Bureau).—President Kennedy said today he has almost scrapped the traditional Cabinet and National Security Council meetings because they are cumbersome and a waste of time.

Kennedy said in a taped TV interview that there "really isn't much use" tying up the whole Cabinet once a week to discuss problems that lie within the jurisdiction of only one or two members.

Kennedy said he has held only two Cabinet meetings since Inauguration and that has been

ferred at least once a week with every Cabinet officer.

Similarly, he has replaced regular NSC meetings with conferences three or four times a week with his chief security adviser, Secretary of State Rusk, Defense Secretary McNamara, special assistant McGeorge Bundy, CIA

boss Allen Dulles and Vice President Johnson.

"Regular meetings," Kennedy said, "are not as effective, and it is more difficult to decide matters involving high national security if there is a wider group present."

"I think in the future that we will find the Cabinet perhaps more important than it has ever been," he said. "But Cabinet meetings not as important."